

SENATE BILL NO. 448

INTRODUCED BY J. BLACK

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GRANTING THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS THE POWER TO ADOPT RULES AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY OR OTHER CARE IN A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT; REVISING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 50-6-201 AND 50-6-203, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 50-6-201, MCA, is amended to read:

"50-6-201. Legislative findings. The legislature finds and declares that prompt and efficient ~~emergency~~ medical care of the sick and injured at the scene, ~~and during transport to a health care facility, and in a hospital~~ emergency department is an important ~~ingredient element~~ necessary for reduction of the mortality and morbidity rate during the first critical minutes ~~immediately~~ and hours after an accident or the onset of ~~an emergent a~~ medical condition and that a program for emergency medical technicians is required in order to provide the safest and most efficient delivery of ~~emergency~~ medical care."

Section 2. Section 50-6-203, MCA, is amended to read:

"50-6-203. Rules. (1) The board, after consultation with the department of public health and human services, the department of justice, and other appropriate departments, associations, and organizations, shall adopt rules of the board implementing this part, including but not limited to training and certification of emergency medical technicians and administration of drugs.

(2) The board may, by rule, establish various levels of emergency medical technician certification and shall specify for each level the training requirements, acts allowed, recertification requirements, and any other requirements regarding the training, performance, or certification of that level of emergency medical technician that it considers necessary, subject to the provisions of 37-1-138.

(3) The board may, by rule, establish standards, protocols, and the scope of practice for emergency medical technicians providing emergency or other care in a hospital emergency department."

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